Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-06-05 Issued at Nome, Alaska

September 8, 2005

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. **Expiration Date:** June 30, 2006

September 9, 2005

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in Unit 22(C) at 11:59 p.m. on September 9, 2005. The harvest quota of 40 bulls is expected to be reached on September 9, and no further harvest is warranted.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order as follows:

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 22(C),

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit Sept. 1 – Sept. 9

only; or

1 antlerless moose by Sept. 15 – Sept. 30

registration permit

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow

Sept. 1 – Sept. 9

tines on one side by registration permit only

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kate Persons Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Following a record harvest in 2004 of 52 bull moose in Unit 22C, fall composition surveys found the bull:cow ratio had declined to 11 bulls per 100 cows. The Department established a 40 bull harvest quota in Unit 22C to prevent excessive harvest and improve the bull:cow ratio. Current reported harvest from Unit 22C is 35 bull moose and harvest is expected to reach the harvest quota of 40 bulls by the season closing date announced in this emergency order.